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Application No.: 10/040,369 ) Examiner: BETIT, Jacob F.  
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The document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a Decision of Refusal ("Decision") from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

A copy of the listed foreign patent document is attached along with a corresponding English language machine translation. In addition, an English language

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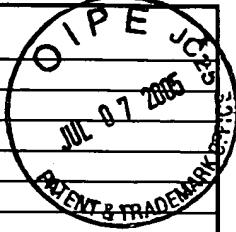
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## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials <sup>1</sup>	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		JP 10-069424	03-10-1998	Stewart Gordon GREGORY		Yes

## **NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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